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In the Application of :
Paul E. CARPENTER, et al. : Confirmation No.: 8171
Serial No.: 10/824,160 : Art Unit: 3625
Filing Date: April 14, 2004 :
For: **Method of Selling a Virtual Bundle of Items to Consumers**

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This document came to Applicants' attention as a result of an International Search Report (ISR) (copy enclosed) received for the PCT application corresponding to the instant U.S. case. Document U.S. 6,285,986 B1 listed on the ISR was previously cited to the Office.


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